



Moor First School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Easter break and we are all refreshed and ready to embark on our final term of this academic year! Miss Pollard, our student teacher, remains with us until June. She will continue to teach many lessons throughout the week.

Last term, our class attendance was **95.58%**. Well done everyone!

English



In Sapphire this term, we will be reading 'King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table' by Marcia Williams to link with our topic 'Regal Royals'. This story allows us to explore different themes and genres of writing as it is a traditional tale written as a comic. We will be using this text to create our own comic strips, learn about myths and legends and rewrite some of these. We will be exploring how to develop clear endings within our writing and the effects different writing techniques have on the reader. We will also be looking at the structures of biographies and autobiographies and writing some of these for the members of our Royal Family.

In phonics, children will be learning their sounds and spellings through the Twinkl Phonics programme and will have 20 minute lessons every morning within their own level group. Every Friday morning, following the final lesson of the week, children will be tested on their spellings. Spellings have been selected using the focus sound of the week and common exception words. Please see the list given to your child at the beginning of every half term for each week's spellings. We do encourage parents and carers to support each child as much as possible in learning their spellings. The recommended process for learning spellings is the LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE and CHECK. It is more effective to do this little and often, rather than cramming. The marking focus in English will be to mark the children's written work against the learning objective. We will also focus on marking towards your child's grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will continue to keep handwriting as a big focus throughout the school.



Mathematics



Over the course of this term, your child will be learning the following areas of mathematics: money, time, shape, position and direction and statistics. There will also be time to recap and consolidate learning from this academic year. Whilst learning all of the fundamentals of these areas we will also be encouraging the children to think logically and carefully to answer

questions accurately. There will be a greater emphasis on problem solving, reasoning and fluency during lesson time. We will be marking against your child's learning band to reflect the next steps. Your child will be given times tables to learn. They will need to practice saying, chanting and answering questions on these. We will complete a times table test every Monday.

Topic

Our class topic will be Regal Royals. Topic lessons encompassing art, D&T, geography and history will take place every week and there will be many other cross-curricular activities throughout the week to explore this fascinating topic. Our learning will include; learning about our current Royal Family, learning about the history of the monarchy, learning about the lives of significant monarchs and comparing different monarchs. For our art and D&T project this term we will be creating our own crown jewels.



Computing

 In computing, we will be looking at presentation skills and robot algorithms. We will be exploring the features of a good presentation, adding media and how to code and debug algorithms. Alongside these topics, we will continue to focus on E-safety through discussions about how to stay safe when online.

Science

In Science, year 2 children will continue to have science on a Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Crowcroft and Year 3 will be taught by myself. This term, Year 2 will be learning about everyday materials. Year 3 children will be exploring light and rocks including volcanoes.



P.E

Physical education will be taught every Wednesday afternoon with Premier Sports and Monday afternoon. The Monday afternoon sessions during Summer 1 will be taught by Mrs Edge/Mrs Critchlow as I will be delivering Forest School. During summer 2, Sapphire will be having Forest School on Monday afternoons. Our activities this term are athletics and net and wall with Mr Whittingham and striking and fielding. Please ensure your child is prepared to take part in their PE lessons with a full kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities. **Please can we remind you that our new P.E kit top is royal blue.**



R.E/PSHE

Religious education and personal, social and health education will be taught as discrete units of work. Topics in RE will be 'Religious Leaders' and 'Belonging to a Group'. For PSHE, children in year 2 will have PSHE with Mrs Crowcroft on a Tuesday and year 3 will continue to be taught by myself. This term, year 2 will be studying the unit's 'Safety First' and 'Growing Up'. Year 3 will be looking at 'Money Matters' and 'It's My Body'.



Music

 Music will be taught on a Thursday. This term, we will be learning how to play the glockenspiel and completing the Charanga unit 'Three Little Birds'.

French

Year three children will be taught French on a Tuesday. Our topics this term will be members of our family, The Hungry Caterpillar and ordering food in a café.



Intervention

At some point of the year, your child may be receiving additional intervention during assembly times with relation to writing and math in order to help them to close gaps and to increase speed of progress/attainment. Some stretch and challenge sessions will also take place to extend learning further.

A timetable has been drawn up for additional adults in school to also help to listen to children reading each work. All children will be heard reading once a week with these adults, however some children may be reading two or three times. Please note that daily reading takes places also within the classroom and peer to peer reading also takes place.

Show and Tell

As we love hearing all about your child's achievements and hobbies we will have weekly show and tell sessions on Friday afternoons. Your child may either bring their show and tell into school on a Friday morning or you can upload to SeeSaw. Please note, any technology show and tell to be up uploaded to SeeSaw rather than brought into school, thank you.

We would also like to inform you that 5-minute episodes of Newsround are sometimes shown in class to give children the chance to hear about relevant and appropriate news stories from around the world.



Over the course of the following term, your child will have the opportunity to earn extra dojos by completing aspects of their learning enrichment at home. Please see the learning enrichment letter for additional information.

I hope that this letter has been useful in providing a little more information about what we will be learning. If you have any comments, questions or just need advice on how best to help your child with their learning at home, please do not hesitate to message via SeeSaw and we can arrange either a phone call or virtual meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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